



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

Sutter Creek, CA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Sutter Creek was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Sutter Creek (population 2,300) is located 45 miles southeast of Sacramento in California's Sierra Nevada foothills. Historically, the prosperous hard rock gold mining industry served as the city's primary economic generator. When the mines began closing after World War II, the timber industry became the area's primary employer. In 1997, the Georgia-Pacific mill in nearby Martell closed, resulting in the loss of nearly 800 jobs. The city's unemployment rate exceeds state and national averages.

Brownfields in Sutter Creek consist primarily of former mine properties, such as the targeted Minehead site at the Central Eureka Mine. The waste rock and tailings generated by the Central Eureka Mine contain elevated levels of arsenic. The Minehead site also



Cleanup Grant



\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Sutter Creek for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the Minehead site at the Central Eureka Mine, which is located at 12201 Eureka Road. The Minehead site contains a large volume of mining waste in the form of waste rock and tailings that is impacted with heavy metals, including significant amounts of arsenic. Grant funds also will be used to support community involvement activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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contains unsightly mining structures and equipment and partially closed mine shafts that pose a threat to site visitors and trespassers. Once the site is cleaned up, the city plans to redevelop the area as a historic park and walking trail, which will add 12 acres of parkland to Sutter Creek.